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MICHAEL SCHWARTZ

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Art Unit: 3643

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Atty. Docket: 26763-001 USNA

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL **APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on July 23, 2004, which indicates that, the Oath or Declaration for the subject patent application is unsigned and that replacement drawings are required.

Enclosed please find an executed Declaration in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63 for each inventor with respect to the subject patent application, replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121, as well as a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. Additionally, applicant files herewith a one month petition for extension of time.

Please charge the late filing declaration fee of \$65.00 and extension of time fee of \$55.00 to Deposit Account No. 501447 (Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP), as well as any additional fees or credit any over-payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch). See Figures(s) 9.
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 9.
 - More than one figure is present and each figure is not labeled "Fig." with a consecutive Arabic numeral (1, 2, etc.) or an Arabic numeral and capital letter in the English alphabet (A, B, etc.)(see 37 CFR 1.84(u)(1)). See Figure(s) 9.

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